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Applicants: Adam J. Katz et al.
Serial No.: 09/936,665
Filed: September 10, 2001
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Issued: August 17, 2004
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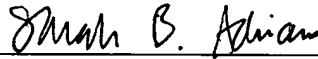
Attorneys for Applicants bring to the Office's attention that on October 29, 2004, The University of Pittsburgh filed a Complaint for Correction of Inventorship under 35 U.S.C. § 256 of the above-identified patent, against co-inventors Hedrick, Benhaim, Lorenz and Zhu, in the District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. CV-04-9014 CBM (AJWx) ("Complaint"). A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. An Answer was filed on behalf of all four defendants on January 5, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

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Additionally, both the subject application, now patent, and co-pending application, U.S. Serial No. 09/947,985 were being examined by Examiner Sandals, who was the Examiner of record on both applications before his departure from the Patent Office. However, since Examiner Sandals is no longer with the Patent Office, please note that U.S. Serial No. 09/947,985 remains pending and is being prosecuted by Counsel of The University of Pittsburgh.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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29 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
 30 OF THE COMMONWEALTH
 31 SYSTEM OF HIGHER
 32 EDUCATION.

Plaintiff,

vs.

33 MARC H. HEDRICK, PROSPER
 34 BENHAIM, HERMANN PETER
 35 LORENZ, and MIN ZHU,

Defendants.

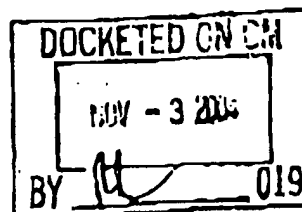
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 COMPLAINT FOR CORRECTION
 OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 35



1 Plaintiff University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher
2 Education ("Plaintiff"), by and through its undersigned counsel, brings this
3 Complaint against Defendants Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim, Hermann Peter
4 Lorenz, and Min Zhu (collectively "Defendants") and in support thereof, avers as
5 follows:

6 Jurisdiction and Venue

7 1. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Patent Laws of the United
8 States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 256.

9 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331
10 (federal question jurisdiction) and § 1338(a) (original jurisdiction under patent
11 laws).

12 3. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) (general
13 venue statute).

14 The Parties

15 4. Plaintiff is an assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,777,231 ("the '231 patent"),
16 and has its principal place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

17 5. Defendant Marc H. Hedrick is identified on the '231 patent as one of
18 seven named inventors. Upon information and belief, Hedrick resides at 2345
19 Jennifer Lane in Encinitas, California.

20 6. Defendant Prosper Benhaim is identified on the '231 patent as one of
21 seven named inventors. Upon information and belief, Benhaim resides at 17018
22 Hartsook Street in Encino, California.

23 7. Defendant Hermann Peter Lorenz is identified on the '231 patent as one
24 of seven named inventors. Upon information and belief, Lorenz resides at 2634
25 Belmont Canyon Road in Belmont, California.

26 8. Defendant Min Zhu is identified on the '231 patent as one of seven named
27 inventors. Upon information and belief, Zhu resides in San Diego, California.
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Factual Background

9. On or about August 17, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued the '231 patent, which is entitled "Adipose-Derived Stem Cells and Lattices." A true and correct copy of the '231 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

10. The '231 patent lists Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, William J. Futrell, Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim, Hermann Peter Lorenz and Min Zhu as named inventors.

11. Inventors Katz, Llull, and Futrell assigned to Plaintiff their rights in the application, which issued as the '231 patent. The assignment is recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records as Reel 010998 Frame 0570. A true and correct copy of the assignment is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

12. Although the Plaintiff's name does not appear on the face of the '231 patent due to a clerical error, Plaintiff is a true and current assignee by assignment from Katz, Llull, and Futrell.

COUNT I

(Correction of Inventorship under 35 U.S.C. § 256)

13. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 12 as though fully set forth herein.

14. The '231 patent names Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull, William J. Futrell, Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim, Hermann Peter Lorenz and Min Zhu as inventors.

15. Katz, Llull, and Futrell are the true and correct inventors of the claims of the '231 patent.

16. Upon information and belief, Hedrick, Benhaim, Lorenz, and Zhu are not inventors of the claimed subject matter of the '231 patent and are thus, incorrectly named as inventors.

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1 WHEREFORE. Plaintiff prays for a judgment from the Court against
2 Defendants as follows:

- 3 (a) a determination of the true and correct inventorship of the '231 patent;
4 (b) a determination that Hedrick, Denham, Lorenz, and Zhu are not
5 inventors of the '231 patent; and
6 (c) such other further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.
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8 Dated: October 29, 2004

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Jury Trial Demand

Plaintiff University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher
Education hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues properly triable by jury.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Adam J. Katz, Ramon L. Hall, and J. William Petrell, of 1207 Trevanion Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15218, Enric Gimenez, 18-47-27, Barcelona E-03004, Spain, and 1 Sweetwater Lane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15238, respectively, have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

ADIPOSE-DERIVED STEM CELLS AND LATTICES

for which invention we have executed a PCT patent application designating the United States and other countries worldwide, which was filed on March 10, 2000, and accorded PCT Application No. PCT/US00/06232, and

WHEREAS, University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, at 300 Garden Street Conference Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in the patent application.

Now, THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and satisfaction of which are hereby acknowledged, we assign and transfer to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns the full and exclusive right in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent application and other such applications (e.g., provisional applications, non-provisional applications, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, renewals, amendments, and extensions) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country on the invention, and the payment or outlayments thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may issue thereon, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to have United States patents to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

We HEREBY AUTHORIZE the Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, we convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in the United States and countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention and/or other international arrangements for any such application the date of the PCT application and any priority documents claimed therein (or any other application on the invention) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

WE DO HEREBY COVENANT and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document as forth herein, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other

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In re Appl. of Katz et al,
 Attorney Docket No. 254267

writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this assignment, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, amended, renewal, or extended patents of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on the invention, and in enforcing any rights or claims in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, and by executing statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and have to the benefit of, the heirs and legal representatives of all parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands on the date shown below.

Date 4/2/05

Adam J. Katz
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STATE OF Wisconsin)
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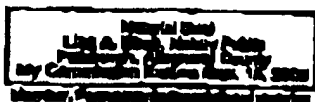
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On this 17th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, appeared Adam J. Katz, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment document, and acknowledged that he/she signed and delivered the document as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Leon A. Strub
 Notary Public

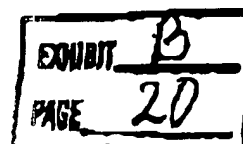
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Attorney Docket No. 206267

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COUNTY OF Allegheny) SS:

J. William Futrell
J. William Futrell

On this 17th day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, appeared J. William Futrell, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment document, and acknowledged that he/she signed and delivered the document as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF
THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARC H. HEDRICK, PROSPER
BENHAIM, HERMANN PETER
LORENZ, and MIN ZHU,

Defendants.

No. CV-04-9014 CBM (AJWx)

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR
CORRECTION OF
INVENTORSHIP UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 256 AND DEMAND
FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim, Hermann Peter Lorenz and Min Zhu (collectively, "Defendants") by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file their Answer, including Affirmative Defenses, in response to the Complaint of Plaintiff University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education ("Plaintiff") in the above-captioned action in accordance with the numbered paragraphs in the Complaint. Except to the extent expressly and specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny each and every allegation contained in the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

1 **I. ANSWER**

2 Answering each of the corresponding numbered paragraphs of the
3 Complaint, Defendants answer and respond to the allegations therein, based on
4 each Defendant's current information and belief, as follows:

5 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6 1. Defendants admit only that the Complaint purports to state a
7 cause of action under the laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code
8 §§ 1 and 256.

9 2. Defendants admit that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction
10 over this action pursuant to Title 28, United States Code §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

11 3. Defendants admit that venue is proper in this judicial district
12 under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

13 **THE PARTIES**

14 4. Defendants deny that Plaintiff is listed as the assignee of U.S.
15 Patent No. 6,777,231 (the "'231 Patent'") on the face thereof. Defendants lack
16 sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the
17 remaining allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint, and, on that
18 basis, deny the allegations.

19 5. Defendants admit that defendant Hedrick is identified on the
20 face of the '231 Patent as one of the seven named inventors. Defendant Hedrick
21 admits that he resides at 2345 Jennifer Lane, Encinitas, California.

22 6. Defendants admit that Prosper Benhaim is identified on the face
23 of the '231 Patent as one of the seven named inventors. Defendant Benhaim
24 admits that he resides at 17018 Hartsook Street in Encino, California.

25 7. Defendants admit that Hermann Peter Lorenz is identified on the
26 face of the '231 Patent as one of the seven named inventors. Defendant Lorenz
27 admits that he resides at 2634 Belmont Canyon Road in Belmont, California.
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1 8. Defendants admit that Min Zhu is identified on the face of the
2 '231 Patent as one of the seven named inventors. Defendant Zhu admits that she
3 resides in San Diego, California.

4 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

5 9. Defendants admit that the face of the '231 Patent shows that it
6 was issued on August 17, 2004 and is entitled "Adipose-Derived Stem Cells and
7 Lattices." Defendants further admit that a copy of the '231 patent is attached to the
8 Complaint as Exhibit A.

9 10. Defendants admit that the face of the '231 Patent lists Adam J.
10 Katz, Ramon Llull, William J. Futrell, Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim,
11 Hermann Peter Lorenz and Min Zhu as inventors.

12 11. Defendants admit that Exhibit B is a copy of a document that,
13 on its face, purports to assign the interests of Adam J. Katz, Ramon Llull and J.
14 William Futrell in an invention entitled "Adipose-Derived Stem Cells and
15 Lattices" to Plaintiff. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form
16 as a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in
17 paragraph 11 of the Complaint, and, on that basis, deny the allegations.

18 12. Defendants admit that Plaintiff's name does not appear on the
19 face of the '231 patent. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to
20 form as a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in
21 paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and, on that basis, deny the allegations.

22 **COUNT I**

23 13. Defendants incorporate by reference and restate their responses
24 to paragraphs 1-12 as though fully set forth herein.

25 14. Defendants admit that the face of the '231 Patent lists Adam J.
26 Katz, Ramon Llull, William J. Futrell, Marc H. Hedrick, Prosper Benhaim,
27 Hermann Peter Lorenz and Min Zhu as inventors.

15. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint, and, on that basis, deny the allegations.

16. Defendants deny that each defendant is not an inventor of the claimed subject matter of the '231 Patent. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form as a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations, if any, contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, and, on that basis, deny the allegations.

II. DEFENSES

In further answering the Complaint, Defendants plead the following defenses:

FIRST DEFENSE (FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM)

The Complaint fails to state a claim or claims upon which relief can be granted.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Court enter a judgment on the Complaint granting the relief set forth below:

a) a dismissal with prejudice of Plaintiff's Complaint as against Defendants;

b) a denial of all relief sought by Plaintiff as against Defendants;

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1 c) that this Court declare that Defendants are inventors of the '231
2 Patent;

3 d) such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

4 DATED: January 5, 2005

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JURY DEMAND

Defendants Hedrick, Benhaim, Lorenz, and Zhu hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues on which a trial by jury may be had.

DATED: January 5, 2005

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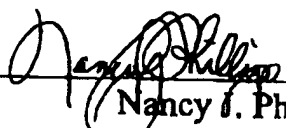
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